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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

Interview Summary	Application No.	Applicant(s)
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	Jerry A. Lorengo	1734

All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

(1) Jerry A. Lorengo. (3) _____.

(2) Mr. Morris Liss. (4) _____.

Date of Interview: 23 October 2003.

Type: a) Telephonic b) Video Conference
c) Personal [copy given to: 1) applicant 2) applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) Yes e) No.

If Yes, brief description: Prior art and inventive devices used for splicing ic device carrying tapes.

Claim(s) discussed: 1-34.

Identification of prior art discussed: None.

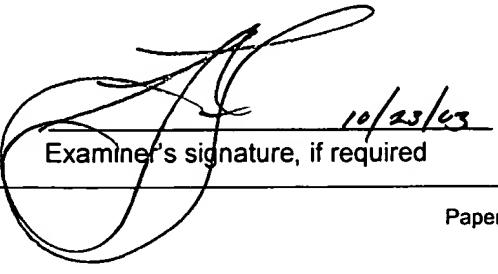
Agreement with respect to the claims f) was reached. g) was not reached. h) N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: Mr. Liss took the opportunity to discuss the invention in light of the physical exhibits provided for the interview. He also discussed and described the drawings of the instant invention in light of the exhibits in order to provide the examiner with a more substantial understanding of the inventive concept.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

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Examiner Note: You must sign this form unless it is an attachment to a signed Office action.


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